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Sir:

A review of the file for the above patent application indicates that no Action has been received since the Notice of Publication was issued on April 18, 2002. Please advise the undersigned counsel for Assignee when an Office Action will be issued in the case. (Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement for this application was mailed to the Patent Office on February 10, 2004.)

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